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January 31, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicants: Daniel G. Schweikert, John F. MacDonald  
  
Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
  
Title: METAL REGION FOR REDUCTION OF CAPACITIVE  
COUPLING BETWEEN SIGNAL LINES  
  
Serial No.: 09/452,367 Filed: November 30, 1999  
  
Examiner: Mitchell, James Group Art 2827  
M. Unit:  
  
Docket No.: P-3790

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003 in the above application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment (5 pages) with:
  - a. A separate paper entitled "Clean Copy of Replacement Claims" (4 pages); and
  - b. A separate paper entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" (2 pages).

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No additional claims fees are required.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

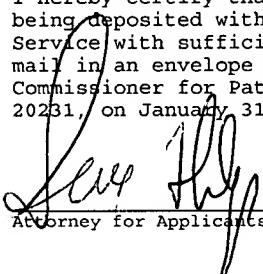
	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	18	- 34	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 5	= 0	x \$84.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$270)					0.00
			Total of above Calculation		\$0.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)		1.0
				Subtotal	\$ 0.00
			Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)		0.00
				TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

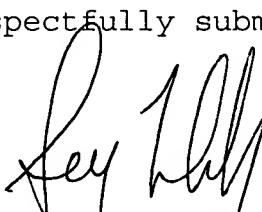
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Attorney for Applicants

January 31, 2003  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Monterey, CA  
January 31, 2003

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003,  
enclosed herewith are:

1. A separate paper entitled "Clean Copy of Replacement Claims" with a clean version of the claims (4 pages); and
2. A separate paper entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" with markings to show amendments to the claims (2 pages).

The above papers are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties as a part of this paper.